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EDITORIAL

"Picture Post" and Predictive Astrology

Many of our readers must have seen the investigation held by the above enterprising periodical into the accuracy of astrological predictions. It appeared in the issue of September 6, 1941.

We have no quarrel with this. But we agree with one of our oldest subscribers, Mr. Francis Carney, that it might be followed by a similar examination of

- (a) Physicians and their diagnoses.
- (b) Stockbrokers and their advice.
- (c) Racing experts and their tips.
- (d) Counsel and their opinions.

He adds: "All these professional men make monumental errors, but their sins are forgiven them . . . now, is there an outcry to suppress the writings of these experts because they are continually leading the public astray and causing them to lose money daily?"

Well said, Mr. Carney! Even judges are not attacked because their decisions are often reversed on appeal.

However, astrologers do deliberately set up as prophets and must be expected to be judged accordingly.

It is obviously difficult to compare the work of one astrologer with that of another. It is comparatively easy to write from week to week; it is not so simple to write a forecast, as I do, two or three months in advance; and those who have tried to go yet further than this have a very formidable task indeed, so many are the possible manifestations of any given astrological data. We ourselves have been much more accurate in our monthly forecasts at the Lodge than in the Quarterly editorials, because in the former case we have stuck strictly to the month ahead.

The critic may honestly believe that guess-work and a little

intelligent anticipation could do just as well, but I will believe this when I have seen it done, not for one week, but for six or twelve months.

Some astrological writers on the war have been horribly bad, and the sooner they turn their attention to some other field of research the better. But others have been much more successful. Well, there are good doctors and bad doctors, and so in all walks of life.

For ourselves, we have never regarded prediction as the main work of the astrologer, and we think the whole subject has suffered dreadfully from the tendency to make it so. But we cannot dismiss it as unimportant, either philosophically or practically, for it is necessary to see when, approximately, innate propensities come into operation, and the whole subject of prediction (not only astrological) is surely exceedingly interesting and relevant to any investigation of such philosophical problems as that of Time.

Psychological Astrology

Probably the best approach to astrology from all points of view is the psychological, provided that this is done in an effective way, and not in a cloud of vague verbosity. In this issue we print a very challenging article on this matter from Mr. Gleadow, who can certainly be acquitted of all tendencies to vagueness or wordiness.

But those who desire to study astrology psychologically and also scientifically will have their nuts to crack, and I am not sure that one of these days we may not have to recast our methods in a very drastic manner indeed, if we are to keep abreast of modern research.

In *The Inequality of Man* (Penguin Press) Professor J. B. S. Haldane tells us of twins who, brought up apart and thus in totally different environments, were as unlike emotionally as any two people chosen at random. Yet their aspects and planetary sign-positions must have been almost identical, and it is from these that we usually delineate the emotional nature!

That is the kind of problem science will set us to explain, if it ever deigns to notice us at all.

How would *you* answer it?

We have a kindred case near at hand in the Lodge. One of our principal officials happens to have been born with Uranus rising in Libra, only a day after Adolf Hitler, so that her nativity has really only two major *zodiacal* points of difference from his, viz. Mercury is clear of opposition Uranus, and the Moon, instead of being conjunction Jupiter, is trine Venus and

Mars. The Moon is, of course, in the Taurus decan instead of that of Capricorn.

That is, in fact, an interesting point, for, broadly speaking, the emphasis of the map seems, in her case, to have passed from Capricorn to Taurus; she is not personally ambitious and she has that honesty of mind and soul that one associates with the Venus sign, particularly with Taurus. Vegetarianism and interest in astrology appear the only obvious resemblances.

Mundanely she has Uranus on the ascendant instead of above it, and in my view most important of all, Pluto is not par. dec. the rising degree, as it probably is in Hitler's case.

I believe that, if psychological astrology is to withstand scientific criticism, it will have to pay great attention to mundane factors, especially to the ascendant and its aspects, as well as to the significance of subdivisions of the sign.

Incidentally I may add that the lady's directions have agreed remarkably with Hitler's. For example, when he became chancellor under Sun sextile Saturn, her husband built their permanent home.

The Progress of the War: Retrospect

Our entry into Iran took place under Moon conjunction Venus (an occultation) in Libra and it was almost without bloodshed.

September came in with desperate fighting for Leningrad. Readers may recall that I mentioned, in the December 1940 issue, that Mars culminated in the Jupiter-Saturn map, along the meridian line Leningrad-Constantinople-Alexandria, and it will be seen that this also passes through, or very near, Smolensk, Kiev, and Odessa.

Very satisfactory news was made public regarding the Battle of the Atlantic, so that it seemed that my prediction that this would reach its pinnacle in June was correct. On the other hand, the heavy Axis losses in shipping may be referred to the summer ingress figure, wherein the M.C., at Berlin and Rome, took the contacts of the Mars-Neptune opposition. In September the station of Mars was close to the Italian Neptune; and the eclipse of September 21st, as we have said, introduced a very powerful Neptune element into German affairs.

A fresh phase of the war opened with deliberate attacks on U.S.A. shipping, Hitler being under Moon opposition Neptune (S) and that planet being in Gemini. Uranus was just stationary in Gemini, and Roosevelt's "Shoot at Sight" speech was made as the Moon passed over Uranus in the heavens.

The station of Uranus, at Washington and according to

Raphael's time, showed Moon, Saturn, and Uranus close to the descendant. Zodiacally it fell, as we mentioned, close to Hitler's Neptune. Thus the stage was set for naval conflict.

Neptune must have pressed hard upon the Germans this month and we may be sure their councils were not always characterised by whoopee, however great their successes in the field.

For one thing, their various allies became extremely restless when it was evident how much their "Protectors" required of them—the summer ingress showed trouble with allies, as we remarked.

Furthermore, sabotage and active and passive resistance broke out all over the Continent.

There was also a definite check at Leningrad.

Indeed it is very difficult to judge the Russian campaign from the standpoint of the German staff; but it does seem clear that it did not go as easily as was expected by them. Perhaps one could put it much more strongly than that.

There is little reason to doubt the accuracy of our forecast, made some weeks before the Russian war started, that by August Germany would feel the shortage of certain essential commodities. In this connection chrome was much in the Press; but it must be obvious that such a campaign as she was waging in Russia could not fail to exact a great toll of petrol and, indeed, of most military supplies.

In a world-sense the most obvious sign of material deficiencies might be Saturn in Taurus, especially with Uranus, and there are plenty of indications that this would impinge severely on Germany. For instance, Saturn was stationary in September very close to Fortuna in the figure of the Third Reich published in our issue of September 1940. Its station was in exact quincunx, to the minute, of the lord of the 2nd in the map of the German Republic, and the quincunx is a typically wasting contact.

It is true that the plight of Italy was far worse than that of Germany. This country had plenty of bad directions of her own, which we have not failed to register, but in any case, by her submission to Germany, she yoked her own fate to that of her partner. The same is true of other Axis adherents.

My remark that, by the end of the month, even Germany's friends might see that her defeat was inevitable, was a bad misstatement of what was in my mind. I meant rather that by the time the September eclipse and ingress were fully operative this might be the case. This might not happen for several weeks; indeed ingress figures, in particular, often seem to produce their maximum effect late in the quarter they "rule."

October began with another mighty German effort, which developed with mutual carnage as the Sun came to the opposition of Mars.

In a letter published on page 144 a correspondent argues for the validity of the map of the German Republic¹ and adduces some rather cogent reasons for his opinion. At all events, early October gave Mercury sextile Uranus o.d. in this figure, while by degree-to-the-month increment, the war-map yielded Jupiter square Pluto.

It is also evident that, though I mentioned the station of Jupiter almost exactly on Hitler's progressed Sun, I did not lay sufficient stress upon it. Kharkov and Odessa fell.

I was rather surprised to hear, after a recent Lodge meeting, that someone departed in dudgeon because "we were so pro-German." Presumably the lady in question hoped to get easy comfort and soothing prophecies. It would indeed be strange if I were pro-German, considering what my generation has suffered as a result of Teutonic aggression; but in the Lodge we try to be scientific, not political. Facts are facts. In the *Daily Mirror* of March 26, 1940 (before the invasion of Norway really woke us up) I am reported as having stated: "If we think we can gain an easy victory over Germany we are sadly mistaken . . . we must remember the mighty strength and incredible cunning of our opponents. We have need of patience, endurance and sacrifice. . . ."

Was this true, or was it not?

Many hours I have spent trying to find indubitable signs of German collapse; but the horoscope is a creation of mathematics, not fantasy. Where it was possible to be thoroughly hopeful, e.g. in regard to Italy, I have been so, and results have justified me. If I cannot speak with equal assurance about Germany, it is not because I have failed to look for hopeful signs, but, as mentioned several times, the question of the true German map is not easily decided. We must continue our

¹ The data for the map of the German Republic are:

1.30 p.m., C.E.T., Nov. 9, 1918, Berlin.

☉ 16 ♍ 18 ☽ 19 ♊ 47 ☿ 0 ♄ 53 ♀ 12 ♍ 42 ♂ 28 ♄ 33
 ♃ 15 ♄ 46 R ♅ 27 ♎ 24 ♁ 23 ♄ 48 ♀ 9 ♎ 20 PL 6½ ♄ R
 X ♄ 10 XI ♄ 27 XII ♊ 15 I ♄ 12 II ♊ 15 III ♄ 19
 (Placidus)

research, and meanwhile Hitler's Saturn square radical Mars next autumn is at least subject to no question.

To resume our chronicle: The fall of the Government at Tokio and the appointment in its place of a still more militaristic one precisely fulfilled our prediction, happening, as is so often the case, exactly four days before the lunation.

Our forecast of a peace offensive this month was rather strikingly confirmed by an article in *The Times* on the 22nd entitled "Bargain with Britain—German Feelers." That nothing overt occurred was fully in agreement with the tremendous power of Neptune in the current mundane horoscopes.

Venus in M.C. in the lunation also brought a restoration of diplomatic relations with Mexico, and the whole month was a very quiet one so far as most of the British Isles was concerned.

November arrived with a continuation of desperate fighting in Russia, where the Germans broke into the Crimea, but were held elsewhere. Thus, as it seems to me, the setting Saturn (at Berlin) of the autumn ingress began to operate against them. Since Moon square Saturn also approaches in the German Republic map, we may hope for an even more definite constriction of the ring around them and their satellites as the month goes on.

The political difficulties forecast centred chiefly round our relations with Japan, and also the question of a formal declaration of war on Rumania, Finland, and Hungary.

My remarks about Hitler's possible retirement found an echo in the Press. For example, the *Daily Telegraph* of November 1 published an article in which it was humorously represented that "the generals may represent to the people that Hitler is needed in Valhalla. They will find their own means of elevating him to those lofty heights." But the o.d. directions I had in mind (♄ * ☉ ☐ ♀) will not operate yet. Next May seems a much more likely time, when ♀ ♄ will excite them by transit.

As I said in the last issue, the lunation of November is a gloomy one, and, falling in ♀ 26, it afflicts many maps, on both sides, notably Hirohito's ♂ and the German Republic ♀. It is on Stalin's ♀, ♄ PL, and it is on our King's natal ♄.

A few words on the current agitation for a "Western Front," i.e. the landing of an expeditionary force in the West.

Firstly, to judge by German propaganda, which is constantly taunting us with our failure to do this, nothing would please

the enemy more. Secondly, it will be an ill day for Britain when journalists, who possess neither the knowledge of facts nor expert military qualifications, control our strategy. Thirdly, astrology does point to certain possibilities of this kind (i.e. offensive action by Britain); but when this is likely, and where, it would ill behove me to state. Let us confidently trust our great Prime Minister, whose worst enemy has never accused him of lacking the spirit of attack.

Prospect

December. On the 7th a transit of 2♄ over ♀ in the King's map should give naval successes, but on the 9th ♄ squares its own place in the 1801 map, which should give trouble through our allies.

The lunation, on the 18th, shows ♀ rising and PL setting at London, in wide opposition. Not an alarming map for us; but at Washington ♄ is setting and at Tokio PL is not far from the ascendant—the inference is obvious.

On the other hand, in the ingress, which covers the next three months, ♀ is almost exactly culminating at Tokio. But can we trust ♀, which, in this period, has more than once shown itself a planet of success in war, rather than of real peace? Let us hope Tokio will exhibit a more tractable disposition under this phenomenon, with benefit to herself and others. Some of the ensuing figures suggest this; others do not.

As for the world at large, an ingress with Sun and Mercury in very close square to Neptune, which is near the M.C. at London, points to strongly disintegrative events, already foreshadowed in the September eclipse. The Moon in close square to Saturn (Aquarius to Taurus) shows depression, want and misery, especially, we fear, in Russia. But no country will altogether escape. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in the war-map will now operate terribly. Victors and vanquished alike will begin to ask more and more loudly: "When will it all end?"

Indeed it is a map of revolt, disintegration and growing confusion, both political and economic; by the time it has run its course much of Europe will be in chaos. Governments, especially quisling ones, will totter: even our own will not be quite exempt, though at London Uranus trines the M.C., which is a very steadying influence.

Will Germany be directly affected by this map?

Hitler will be under ♄ opposition PL (S) and ♄ finally passes ♄ ♄ (T). He is likely to try some fresh and bloody venture.

Doubtless he will not be altogether exempt from the ingress

influences, but to what extent he will suffer, and how apparent this will be to the world at large, these are other questions.

To some extent all Western Europe will be helped by ♃ in the 7th, well aspected, but in detriment and ♀.

Towards the end of the month the King's progressed Moon forms a trine to Uranus (S), which should bring some unexpected benefit, even though Uranus in his natus is still under affliction from Saturn (T).

January presents the following phenomena:

(a) In the 1801 figure we have Sun par. Jupiter (S). In this war the good aspects to Jupiter in this map seem usually to have referred to U.S.A. aid, and so it may be here. *A substantial stand-by in a gloomy winter.*

(b) In the same chart Uranus comes to opposition Saturn o.d. We have suffered so much in this war through Saturn in the 11th (defeat or defection of allies) that one cannot regard this without some misgivings, which I would rather not define for discretion's sake.

Recollect that all o.d. directions tend to act after exactitude, sometimes several weeks later, in fact.

(c) Italy's long series of afflictions continues, with the violent and disruptive Uranus square Saturn o.d.

(d) The lunation, on the 16th, has its good features and seems better for us than for most of mid-Europe and the Near East. For at London Mercury rules the 1st and 10th and is in close trine to Jupiter, whereas further east Venus, which is in square to Saturn, rules the ascendant, portending misery and privation.

(e) On the 23rd Saturn goes stationary in $21^{\circ} 8' 38''$. Assuming Raphael's time to be correct, the midheaven at Rome and Berlin is opposed by Saturn and Uranus; Venus rises at Moscow and is at the nadir at Washington; Jupiter is on the nadir at Ankara. All this is very helpful.

February does not present such a pleasant picture.

The station of ♃ on the 3rd and that of ♃ on the 5th do not appear to be important, though in the former ♃ is on the M.C. square ♃, which seems to portend air attacks of greater frequency.

The lunation of the 15th shows Mars, Saturn and Uranus rising at London, whereas Venus (opposition Pluto) culminates at Rome and Berlin. At Ankara the lunation is on the M.C. As it falls exactly square Uranus one cannot avoid the conclusion that Turkey, despite ☉ & ♃ approaching in their national map, is menaced very seriously. Great Britain is also confronted with a severe ordeal, whereas Venus on the midheaven promises more successes to the Axis at this juncture.

It is a very fortunate thing, I consider, that His Majesty is now under $\text{J} \Delta \text{J} \text{r. (S)}$ as well as $\text{♀} \text{♂} \odot$ and $\text{J} \times \text{J} \text{o.d.}$ It was partly on these two last, and before the 1942 ephemeris and lunation-data were in my hands, that I hoped for peace this month. Also, I was at that time relying on the German Imperial map, whereas recent events have rather increased the credit of that of the German Republic, which is now under $\text{♂} \times \odot \text{r.}$

The lunation, falling in Aquarius square Saturn and Uranus, clearly threatens Russia severely.

It will be a period of difficulty. We must remember that the King's o.d. directions may not come into action for some time. By radix measure, which many prefer to the o.d., they do not become complete till the autumn, when they link with Stalin's $\odot \times \text{♂} \text{r.}$ and contrast with Hitler's $\text{h} \square \text{♂} \text{r.}$, whilst $\text{h} \text{ (T)}$ severely afflicts the German Republican map.

This map for the conjunction of ♂ and h , at London, shows these planets just above the ascendant, whilst J and ♄ are yet nearer to it. ♁ , lord of the map at Berlin, culminates at that city in close trine to J !

Passing into *March* for a few days, in case the Quarterly should appear late, we find $\text{♂} \text{♂} \text{♄}$ on the 1st of the month; and this contact falls on our 11th cusp and on the meridian at Moscow—the message is but too clear.

A better sign is that at London ♀ has just set and ♀ is in the 7th, both ΔJ .

Tokio and Ankara both show the conjunction on angles.

The lunar eclipse of March 3rd seems generally unfortunate, malefics being on angles at London, Berlin, Rome, Tokio and Washington; and when I say "on angles" I speak always of a very close orb indeed, perhaps 2° at most. In fact I do not usually bother much about house-position (in mundane astrology) unless a cusp is closely involved. It is only then, I believe, that really clear results ensue.

As I like to close on a hopeful note if I can, I will add that (a) Aquarius traditionally rules other countries besides Russia, e.g. Prussia and Sweden, and (b) that throughout the quarter under review Saturn, Uranus, and Mars form quadratures (T) with Saturn and Uranus in the horoscope of the German Republic, see data above.¹

¹ But as our 1801 h is in close opposition to the German Republic ♄ , both countries are apt to suffer from the same transits. There are several very narrow interplays between these two maps, and also our King's. Thus the Moon in the 1801 map and that for the G.R. are in close opposition, and the G.R. ♀ is in near conjunction with the King's ♂ .

Further, as regards Mars sextile radical Sun in this figure, I have never found such directions as strong as Sun sextile radical Mars—I do not know why, but that is my experience. I had this very aspect myself in the spring of 1940, and I could trace nothing to it. Readers' opinions are invited on this point.

The events from mid-February to mid-March bid fair to be interesting astrologically, whatever else they may be; and they should throw light on several moot points.

If an attempted invasion of these islands comes at all—and the Government appears convinced it will—this is the only period that seems at all likely from our point of view. It seems the time that Hitler, if guided by astrologers, would select. But our own view is that he will still be too busy elsewhere.

Written Nov. 8, 1941

THE EDITOR

COMPETITION

It seems difficult for me to get rid of this Half-Guinea! For, though I received several very creditable attempts, none was actually successful. However, they may not have been altogether without foundation, for the native was not a strong man and may easily have suffered from some of the complaints mentioned. He died some two or three years after the operation, but I am not sure of the cause. Probably tubercular.

The operation itself was for the removal of an eye, which had for some weeks caused acute pain, after severe examination-work. The natal ♄ is close to Antares and by o.d. has progressed to the square of the Sun. I thought this would provide a clue.

During the First German War he was a despatch-rider and was decorated for good work in that capacity.

I must produce yet another competition in our next number and hope that readers will try again.

THE EDITOR

MY GARDENING DIARY AND SOME IDEAS

By H. J. ARCHER

A DIARY for the garden is very useful to anyone; almost essential to those who believe that "to everything there is a season." It enables us to check up our successes and failures and discover more definitely the causes and reasons for the

good or poor results, and whether these were due to planetary positions or to our own individual mistakes.

Looking back to my 1940 diary I find that an outstanding feature of the year was the heavy crop of fruit and the generally favourable weather early in the year. This was in accord with tradition, as Jupiter was then in Aries. When he passed into Taurus to join Saturn, the weather became rather trying for the gardener, especially on light soils. In Norfolk we suffered considerably from lack of moisture. My winter greens were the worst for years. The dry weather, however, suited the corn, and the harvest was a good one; it was sown under the favour of Jupiter. This year the spring and early summer were inimical to growth; nothing went really well till Jupiter left Saturn behind. Crops sown in the spring have generally been scanty or spoiled by the weather. Their birth was under the influence of Jupiter conjunct Saturn or close to it, and where Saturn is concerned we expect the yield to be small. After midsummer, when Jupiter threw a benefic sextile to us, plentiful rains have come, which, while unwelcome to the harvesters, will assure a good supply of food for cattle, and of winter greens for ourselves. The spring of the year may be generally regarded as witnessing the birth of the crop. Then the seed is sown, or the flower is fertilized. Planetary dispositions at that time, especially of Jupiter and Saturn, seem to symbolize the results which will accrue later. They denote abundance or scarcity to follow according to signs and aspects.

Here is another interesting incident. I sowed one-half of a packet of cabbage seed on August 9, 1940, with Moon in Scorpio, and the other half on August 14th, with Moon in Capricorn. The rows were side by side; germination was excellent. The first row was well up on the 16th, while the second was, of course, still in the ground. But the second row overtook and outgrew the first, and were the larger plants by the time they were put out on a bed. They were kept separate. The result has been that the Scorpio cabbage, contrary to my expectations, showed freer growth, a bigger tendency, and developed more quickly than the others, which have, however, given solid hearts though being rather smaller. They were transplanted with Moon in Scorpio and Capricorn respectively, with a waxing Moon, early in October. A notable feature has been that not one of them has bolted, and that the Capricorn cabbages especially have stood the long drought this year well. The sowing under Jupiter conjunct Saturn almost partile, does not seem to have affected them adversely.

It is perhaps unwise to attempt to deduce too much from

one instance, but certain conclusions suggest themselves. It looks as if Moon in Capricorn tends to slow and conservative growth. Does Moon in Virgo tend to smallness? If so, Moon in Taurus is the only free-growing earthy sign. Perhaps watery signs may be equally favourable, or more so where large leaf surface is required, as in spinach, lettuce, and the first cabbages. What influence stopped the bolting?—a most unusual record. Was it the restraining hand of Saturn or Jupiter? Or the Scorpio waxing moon at sowing and at transplanting? Further experiments are necessary; information would be welcomed from other astro-gardeners.

In 1940 I planted my early potatoes under a waxing moon, as I reasoned that I wanted them to grow quickly and not to mature. The rest of the crop was planted in the third and last quarters of moon. They gave an abundant yield, and kept splendidly, while the early crop, despite the favour of Jupiter, only produced a fair return. This year I profited by my former disappointment and planted with the Moon waning. Despite the long drought, they grew well, though the first row only gave a moderate yield. A second, planted in April when Jupiter had passed farther from Saturn, was much better. This year's main crop looks as if it will be abundant, now that rains have come. The explanation of this abundance is not at present clear to my mind.

Gardening with the Moon is certainly worth while, but it is not without disadvantages, especially to the amateur who is limited to certain days and hours. In the hectic days of summer, when every hour is so full of potency, it seems a waste of valuable growing time to wait for a waxing moon if other conditions are right. For succession crops it is possible to sow once early in the first quarter, and again about ten days later. Sometimes this is unsatisfactory, and there is a great temptation then to do the usual thing—to sow when conditions seem right without considering the Moon. Transplanting seems to be on another footing. If the seed is sown before Full Moon, the position when transplanting is done may be of secondary importance. If one has no water supply, the right season may pass while we wait for the rains and a waxing Moon to come together. In 1940 this happened to me. This year my chief consideration has been to get the plants out well, and as they went out at different times it will be interesting to watch results.

This past year has been one of great difficulty for the gardener. Continued cold winds in spring with drought; scanty showers following; then further droughty conditions; these point to the

powerful and persistent effect of Saturn in the earthy sign Taurus.

The potato crop has proved to be the heaviest, I think, that I have ever lifted. The tubers were planted on April 16th, 22nd and May 23rd. Those planted on April 22nd gave the worst result, probably due to the lack of moisture-retaining humus underneath. The rest of the crop were helped by a lot of garden rubbish I dug in. During the hot weather of June-July the drought threatened to destroy the whole of the crop, but the decaying rubbish underneath and the heavy rains in August saved it. Other factors which also told were: the plants were well-spaced and had plenty of root-room; the rubbish aforesaid; no hot artificial manures to absorb the moisture. Some of my neighbours used these latter, with deplorable results. If the waning Moon is somewhat akin to Saturn in its effect on growth, then we can understand why Saturn-Uranus stationary during August-September caused a heavy crop of potatoes. This position certainly diminished the value and yield of the corn harvest, as might have been expected. If these deductions are correct, then although Saturn, when potent, entails small crops generally, the potato seems to be an exception to this. Further, with Jupiter or Mars strong and Saturn weak in the spring, early warm weather is to be expected, and we may try early plantings, but with Saturn the stronger at that season, a cold spring is indicated, generally backward conditions; the best results would then be obtained by working with Saturn and delaying planting and sowing.

I planted my leek seed during the second lunar quarter, and transplanted the leeks during the first quarter, as the weather was then favourable. After some hesitancy they are now growing well, and look like being a good crop. Although the Moon, being only four days old, was not very strong at the moving, yet it would have further to travel to the Full, and thus ensure a longer period of influence favourable to growth. Though not perhaps so good when we need mature fruits and plants, it has been recommended where leaves are desired, as in salad plants, spinach, leeks, spring cabbage and young lettuce.

This brings up the question as to how far the time of transplanting must be considered. My experience this year points to transplanting having a considerable effect upon plants, though it does not seem altogether to wipe out the favourable or adverse influence of the time of setting. A second quarter (lunar) sowing of the usual seeds will provide a beneficent influence which transplanting will not destroy, even though it may weaken it. Here are some of the details of experiments.

Group A.—Sprouts, savoys, summer cabbage, sowed April 9th. Moon in Virgo. Transplanted June 7th, when there were good rains. Result—early and large heads.

A second sowing comprising sprouts, savoys, cauliflower, broccoli made May 6th and 7th. Moon in Virgo. From these plants I made the following transplantings.

Group B.—Cauliflowers, summer cabbages, moved during second quarter. Moon in Scorpio. Crops generally large and good.

Group C.—Savoys, sprouts, moved July 15th, third quarter. Showery. Moon in Aries. Growth fairly good, but plants backward. Crop will come at end of season.

Group D.—Sprouts, savoys, cauliflowers, broccoli. Moon 29 Taurus conjunction Uranus, last quarter. Broccoli large growth; some cauliflowers up to average; sprouts and savoys less than average.

Group E.—Broccoli; moved August 19th, last quarter. Moon in Cancer. Small; moved late in growing season.

As we should expect, the later groups are smaller and poorer, as they all lost some part of the growing season, and were all moved under a waning Moon. Also they had stood waiting longer in the seed-bed. Thus they had been checked. We see that adverse time of replanting does seem to affect the plants, though sometimes we have to move them when we can, not when we would. The case of broccoli is unusual, and I wonder if I have made a mistake with my data here. Otherwise it looks as if Saturn governs them; their flowering is, of course, deferred from autumn to spring.

The value of removing plants and replanting them has been shown this year in this way. I left some plants in their original places, merely pulling up all others near them to give them normal air and room. Contrary to expectations they have not grown at all freely. This cannot be attributed to adverse lunar effects, as the sowing aspects were good, so that it looks as if the shallowness of the root-system is at fault, and that proper transplanting is of definite value.

I am just cutting the last of the Capricorn cabbages, so that they have lasted all the summer until now. Does this not indicate that it would be well to try sowing or planting with Moon in Mars or Mercury signs for quick growth, and in Capricorn for slow maturing and lasting qualities?

Lastly, in trying to assess the causes of your success or failure during the past year, do not forget to note the position of Jupiter in your own map. If he is elevated and strong, you will

have tended automatically to do the right thing, and success will have been easy. But if Saturn or other malefic has afflicted you personally, as well as affecting the earth generally, your task will have been hard, perhaps wellnigh hopeless. However, aspects pass away, and another year is coming soon, with brighter days for most of us, we hope.

AGAINST WOOLLY THINKING

By R. S. GLEADOW, M.A.

I do not merely believe in astrology; I have experience that it works. A number of people to-day seem to believe in astrology almost as a religion, which is an unscientific point of view, and regrettable. The proper way to practise astrology is not by any means agreed; therefore we should do very much better to admit that we do not know whenever necessary, and not to attempt to explain everything. Even what astrology can do and what it cannot is difficult to say.

The uncritical attitude of those who merely believe in astrology leads to many misconceptions; for those people are convinced that everything can be explained in the horoscope, and therefore when there is no appropriate aspect to account for an event they will put the blame on any aspect they can find. Thus I have known cases where, for example, a broken arm, and in another case death, was attributed to a semisquare of Venus. If Venus can cause love, marriage, childbirth, broken bones, and death, there is no obvious reason why she should not also cause divorce, convalescence, and resurrection. To say that a broken arm can be caused by Venus is utter nonsense. The textbooks maintain quite rightly that each planet has its own nature, and this must never be forgotten, otherwise the planets become mere pinpoints devoid of influence in themselves and any two become interchangeable. The significator of love and friendship is Venus and no other planet; yet there are astrologers who, if they find on the cusp of the 5th house Saturn in Capricorn, or even in Aries, will consider Saturn as the significator of love affairs and leave Venus out of account altogether.

I do not mean by this to deny the influence of the houses; but I do suggest that the influence of the planets, which are real, is more important; for the houses are only an abstraction. The attribution of love affairs to the 5th house, for example, really belongs to horary astrology. A man's love affairs may be few if

Saturn is in the 5th, but his capacity for loving will be shown by Venus for the need of friendship, the Sun for passion, and Mars for sexual activity. It is worth noting that the aspect of Saturn to Venus does not prevent a person from being affectionate, but it confines his affections to one person, so that if that person dies the result is far worse than if there were no Saturn aspect.

If there is any difference between the planets it must and can only be that each has its own nature; then no two can be interchangeable, and *an event produced by Mars can never under any circumstances be produced by Venus.*

At present if we ask several different astrologers what aspect was responsible for a man becoming Prime Minister we shall get several different answers; and as long as that is the case it is difficult to call astrology a science. One man will say that the event is due to the primary direction of M.C. to trine Saturn, and excuse himself with the remark that Saturn is the natural significator of the 10th house. Another will attribute it to a progression of Sun to Venus on the ground that Venus is a benefic. A third will discover the trine of Neptune to the Moon, which likewise has nothing to do with the case. The transit of Uranus over the ascendant will be ignored by some on the ground that Uranus is a malefic, and the opposition of Jupiter to the Sun will be ignored by almost all on the ground that the event was "good" and the aspect "bad."

But it is impossible to discuss the difference between "good" and "bad" aspects until we thoroughly understand the influence of the planets, and that is a rare accomplishment. It needs to be realised that *aspects do not produce events.* The horoscope is a subjective psychological phenomenon. Five people under the aspect Sun trine Jupiter will all be in much the same state of mind; but if their situations in life are as different as a financier, a ne'er-do-well, a prisoner, a student, and a painter, the first two will get hold of plenty of money, the third will be released, the fourth will be made a professor and given a better salary, and the fifth will achieve a one-man show. This and many other examples will show how absurd it is to say that the events can be predicted from aspects. They may be predictable if one knows the actual present situation and real desires of the native; but otherwise *states of mind are all that can be predicted.*

When an event occurs for which they can give no explanation, some astrologers, instead of blaming the first aspect they can find, imagine that their system of directions or transits has broken down. But the fault may be in their own ignorance. It is not much good going about attributing sporadic happenings

in the past to any aspect that may be thought appropriate. What is desirable is to collect a large number of cases of the same aspect and find what they have in common; and also to compare the same event in many horoscopes and see if it is not always produced by the same planet. Also it is worth remembering that the inappropriate aspect to which a bad astrologer might attach the event has often a quite different result which was unknown to him, but appropriate to its own nature, and irrelevant to the case at issue. When a man wins ten thousand pounds in a lottery and simultaneously has an aspect of Mars it is a gross error to attribute his money to the Mars aspect. Mars never enriched anybody. The gain of money can only be due to Jupiter and no other planet; and to explain it a Jupiter aspect must be found. The simultaneous aspect of Mars is entirely irrelevant to the issue—though indeed it may indicate that the native starts throwing his weight about apparently as the result of his new-found wealth.

If the real influence of the planets is properly understood the effect of any aspect can be deduced without any textbook description of the effects or the events which it is said to produce. The psychological influence of the planets is much as follows:

The Sun signifies the pride and desires of the heart, the urge to life and passion. Any aspect to Sun will therefore affect the native's self-esteem and real desires; and he may or may not be able to conceal the results. Thus Sun progressed conjunction Venus causes a need for love and friendship and society; but if the native is a monk no event may follow.

The Moon signifies a person's manner, his way of walking and talking and so forth. Thus people having Moon in Sagittary walk fast and eagerly, those with Moon in Taurus talk slowly and create an impression of solid reliability. But it sometimes happens that another planet, or two planets in aspect, are much closer to the angles and the influence of the Moon is to some extent overruled.

Mercury is concerned with the relations between people. If Mercury be well placed the native will express himself well, whereas if Mercury be too strong he will express himself too much. The aspects of Mercury will incline the native to speaking, writing, interviews, travel, congresses, and so on.

Venus is the planet of affection and friendship but not of sex. She is concerned also with beauty and sensual comfort. Her aspects cause the native to behave in a Venusian way, that is, to attach more importance than otherwise to winning the love and approval of others. Love of social life is not only a Venusian

characteristic, because it is the Mercurian who has the greatest need of meeting a large number of people.

Mars signifies sexual energy, which after hunger is the greatest cause of strife in the world. Aspects of Mars will incline the native to express himself violently, as in sex, sport, fighting, smashing things and all forms of turbulence.

Jupiter signifies ultimately growth, expansion, enrichment and so on, hence his aspects turn the mind to money, social ambition, snobbery, success, the exploitation of one's personality, and position—but, above all, money.

Saturn signifies restraint, control, limitation, concentration, coldness, patience, and so no aspect of Saturn can fail to create the impression that one has suffered a loss of freedom or a diminution of ease and happiness.

Uranus works like the first flash of a thunderstorm, which comes not as a rule out of a clear sky but to clear the air. Under Uranian aspects the native realises that he has to adapt himself to new circumstances; and often, feeling that the time has come for action and that it is now or never, he breaks old habits and takes a plunge. If he is fortunate he makes the sensational success that comes of really understanding the forces in play and the moment to use them; but if he is unfortunate his failure too will be dramatic.

I know I shall offend many well-meaning people in saying that Neptune is not a mysterious planet of spiritual elevation; but that must be said. To call a planet mysterious is to admit that one does not understand it. No planet is mysterious if we will make the effort to think its influence out. People under aspects of Neptune will consistently be found a prey to mental and emotional agitation of the profoundest sort. In some cases this takes the form of utter discouragement, self-pity, disillusion, and disappointment, and in others of a hectic search after sensation and enjoyment. Frequently a Neptune-Sun conjunction signifies the over-blown pride that brings a fall with it. In the same way people who have Neptune angular are more liable than most to give free rein to their emotions. People having Neptune in the 10th house allow their lives to be guided by their emotional urges, and the supreme example of this sensationalism was the late rector of Stiffkey, who, of course, had Neptune on the midheaven. Neptune in fact is the planet of sensation of all kinds, whereas Uranus is the planet of drama; and the terms "sensational" and "dramatic" are not synonymous—except in journalese. The attribution of mediumship to Neptune may easily be correct, for the attempt to talk with the dead does stir the emotions very deeply.

Concerning Pluto, it is advisable not to be too definite, since to establish his influence firmly we have to discover not only what events happen under his aspects, but what was the state of mind of the people to whom the events happened. It seems that strong aspects of Pluto tend to give a new start in life. This often means obtaining employment or a husband or setting up on one's own in business and so may lead to years of hard work. All the same it would probably be a mistake to label Pluto the planet of hard work just because his aspects lead the native to do a lot of it. We have to consider the state of mind of the native when he let himself in for all that work, and it will probably be found that he felt the need to assert himself, to begin his own life, to develop a proper outlet for his energies, and so on. People who have Pluto strong usually take more trouble than others to hammer out a line of their own and exploit their individuality to the full.

If the influence of the planets in themselves is properly understood it is possible to work out in one's head the meaning of any aspect, which of course is essential to the practice of astrology. Many people who practise astrology cannot tell the difference between the Sun progressed conjunction Mars and Mars progressed conjunction Sun. The difference is that when the progressed Sun comes to Mars the desires and passions of the native in their development turn to violent action, and he expresses himself in an uncontrolled way. On the other hand, with Mars progressed conjunction Sun it is the development of the native's innate fighting power and sexual instinct which finds its opportunity in his passions. The rule is that *the progressed planet expresses itself in the manner which the radical planet offers it*; hence Mars progressed conjunction Sun is more dangerous than Sun progressed conjunction Mars. Not for nothing have Hitler's progressed Mars and progressed Sun been for years in a tightening conjunction; his passions have turned more and more towards fighting, and fighting has more and more exasperated his passions.

In transits, on the other hand, it is the radical planet which suffers a modification of its influence by the transiting planet. Thus the transit of Neptune over Saturn is much more depressing than the transit of Saturn over Neptune. When Neptune passes over Saturn the native's inherent pessimism is stirred and agitated to the full by Neptune; but when Saturn passes over Neptune the native's emotionalism is depressed and restricted so that he feels less emotion than usual—though what he does feel is rather gloomy.

It is desirable in our practice of astrology to be consistent in

adhering strictly to whatever principles we are sure of and not to attempt to explain everything. This may sometimes mean contradicting tradition; but is there any reason to suppose that the astrologers of the past were any nearer infallibility than the very fallible astrologers of to-day? It is absolutely impossible to pretend that astrology is a science if one believes that tradition is necessarily right. It is stupid to suppose that conclusions formed in total ignorance of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are more likely to be right than ours; and to imagine that the ancients knew about those three planets is to invite the ridicule of scientists. The whole question of astrology needs much more hard and careful thought and experiment. For example, it is often stated on the authority of tradition that Jupiter is the planet of religion; but could any astrologer produce a list of twelve men who gave up the world for religion under the aspect of the Sun to Jupiter? And would not all astrologers be astonished if such a list were actually produced? If a list be made of aspects of the Sun and Jupiter, it would be found that the natives, so far from withdrawing from the world, achieved financial and social advantage. The planet of religion, at any rate of the Christian religion, is Saturn, and it will be found that when men adopt a celibate or religious life they have an aspect of Saturn.

When people say that they do not believe in transits and progressions it usually means that they just do not know how to interpret them. A well-known foreign astrologer once assured me that transits were unimportant, and gave as an example that he then had Neptune transiting his Sun and had not been ill, although at birth he had Neptune in the 6th and the Sun in the 8th. I assured him there was no reason why he should be ill; and obviously he was not taking much notice of the individual nature of Neptune. Yet the aspect worked admirably. At the time he thought himself the best astrologer in the world, and very soon afterwards the war came and the two books on which he had staked his reputation were proved thereby to be wholly worthless. It is to be noted that the 3rd and 9th houses (writing and publishing) had nothing to do with the case; anyone who thought they should have would be making the mistake of expecting the horoscope to work in terms of events and not of psychology. It was the native's pride which suffered and therefore inevitably it was his Sun which was affected.

The same aspect may produce in different people contradictory events; but the state of mind in which those events are regarded will always be characteristic of the planet in question. If one knows the state of mind of the native one ought not to

guess what planet is responsible; one should know. Conversely the same event may be produced in different ways by different planets. When a man loses his job under an aspect to the Sun he feels much more wounded than if the aspect were to the mid-heaven. When Charles Maurras was sent to prison for incitement to murder he had a Saturn aspect to account for his going to prison; but it was the progressed conjunction of Mars and Mercury which induced him to write the articles for which he was condemned; but he would not have written the articles at all if he had not happened to be a journalist and of a combative temperament.

The practice of political astrology has so far done much more harm than good and to speak plainly it is still mere guess-work. The only part of astrology which is not guess-work is on the psychological side, and it is on this that we should lay most stress. Political astrology is only a useful study if a thorough analysis and critique of its successes and failures be made from time to time, and I wish all astrological publications would thus examine their past record when the war is over and in the light of history. If we are ever to make astrology respected we must give up guessing and stop constructing complicated contradictory theories; we must establish our first principles, stick to them and be able to demonstrate them clearly; we must leave sensational prediction to journalists; every planet must be allowed its own influence and no other; and we must remember that aspects do not cause events; they only produce states of mind.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

DOCTORS know what it is, sometimes, to come upon a case in which many symptoms are seen to run together without leaving any one indication as a definite clue of basic value to the condition in hand.

There are charts, too, in which it is not easy for the medical astrologer to decide which unit of the planetary patterning should be taken as indicating the remedy likely to bring about a cure.

In many of these cases of indefinite planetary design, or where there are too many possibilities, a horary map for the moment when the case is first presented to the astrologer will yield valuable information of transit character.

One must, however, be careful not to indulge in a multiplicity of charts. It is skill in reading the horoscopes, not in calculating them, that is the high-water mark of the astrologer's art.

A doctor friend of mine had much difficulty in obtaining happy prescription results for the lady whose chart can be erected from Data No. 1. She was full of symptoms; and her horoscope, with its progressed directions, was equally charged with possibilities.

At the time my doctor friend took the case in hand the lady's progressed Mercury opposed the radical Neptune, so her nervous exhaustion was astrologically accounted for, and doubtless supported by the progressed Mars opposed to Saturn. With the natal Saturn squaring Jupiter in Aries the almost constant headache seemed to be explained. The symptom "Worse at M.P. time" was provided by Venus in Scorpio, square Uranus in Aquarius. To cover the latter contingency my first choice was pulsatilla, the homoeopathic medicine under Scorpio. It was partly effectual; and silica, the chronic of pulsatilla, the lady's Sun-sign salt, proved very efficacious. Kali mur. has also been useful in improving the tendency towards anaemia.

Use of Data No. 2 gives an interesting map of a case of anaemia and many M.P. troubles. It is under medical treatment at the moment.

Anaemia is said to be associated with the fixed signs, especially Leo-Aquarius. Here the square of Mercury to Saturn, involving Leo, is very close.

Dr. Cornell, in his *Encyclopedia of Medical Astrology*, mentions Moon afflictions as very capable of influence upon atonic efficiency; and here the Moon is square Jupiter. The intrusion of Libra into cases of anaemia has been mentioned by Mr. C. E. O. Carter, and this chart confirms the correctness of his conclusions.

Data No. 3 illustrate a case diagnosed as "Premature Puberty." Each month, about the same date of the month, our young subject became the victim of dreadful dreams, enuresis and drenching perspiration. Horoscopically, taking into consideration Moon conjunct Mars in Gemini, opposed by Saturn, it looked as though increased calcium would be required. This was given (calc. carb.) together with some silica, and barley porridge was substituted for oatmeal, because of the former's greater content of silica. The results were very happy.

A prominent feature of the horoscope constructed by utilising

Data No. 4 is the multi-aspected Neptune, and the afflicted Jupiter. This seems to suggest lymph, and this lady's medical history is one of many, many troubles each time that she is submitted to any form of inoculation. She is a trained nurse, and consequently has had a big experience of "the needle." One of these inoculations took place in May 1939 for the purpose of curing a small varicose vein near the knee. An immediate result was a smart attack of phlebitis, which started just above the ankle, spreading to the foot and calf and partly up the thigh. She was on the "sick list" for about three months and was scarcely able to walk. Some astrologers look upon the 7th house as conveying information *re* the veins, a theory I have not been able to test out sufficiently to pronounce an opinion upon. It is, however, interesting to find a 7th-house Moon affected by Neptune.

Whenever winter comes along, with its weather even inclining towards cold, the lady whose chart data are given as No. 5, gets one or more very deep cracks in the ball of the thumb. It is usually the right hand. These cracks are very reluctant to heal until warm days are with us again. Treatment of the wounds as skin disease pure and simple has never brought benefit. Astrology suggests that the trouble should be treated as a matter of constitutional debility, with possible T.B. origin. The lady exhibits evidence of malnutrition. A feature symptom of this case is the way in which the skin cracks cover over with an exudation of indurated hardness. This covering comes away presently, leaving the deep fissures as before. Calc. fluorica would seem to be appropriate, and the homoeopathic "petroleum" has obvious recommendations. Dealing with the issue from the constitutional standpoint was much preferred.

If a piece of planetary pattern associated with illness includes the rulers of the 6th and 12th houses, or planets in those houses, evidence useful to prescription will nearly always be at hand.

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„ 3	26.12.1928	53° 45' N.	1° 53' W.	4.0 a.m.
„ 4	6.20.1913	54° 19' N.	4° 22' W.	5.48 a.m.
„ 5	21.6.1906	53° 24' N.	2° 58' W.	8.7 a.m.

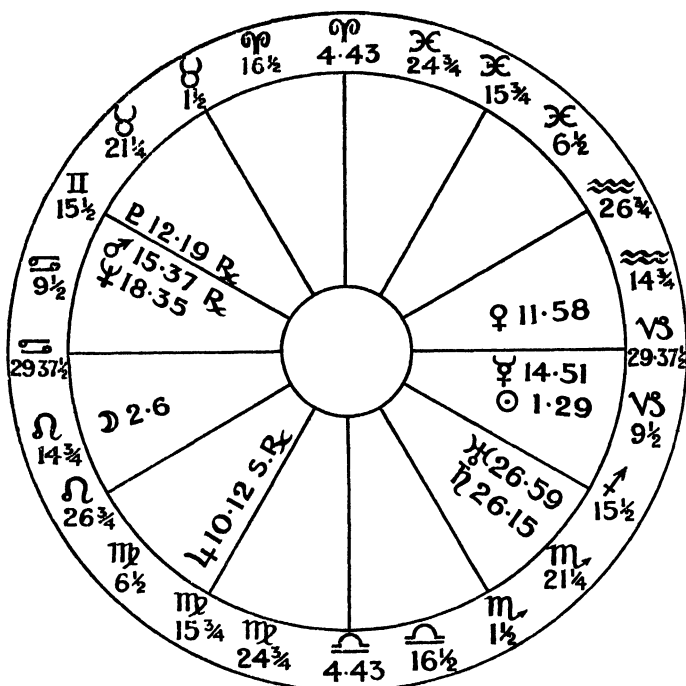
Mr. Pilkington very kindly states that he will gladly answer questions from enquirers. His address is:—

"Glendale," Derwent Way, Neston, Cheshire.

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A QUIVERFUL OF QUIDDITIES

By GEORGE H. BAILEY.

*Foreword*

In the byways of astrology all sorts of odds and ends may be met, some hardly worth a second glance, some interesting but of little use, and some which call for further investigation. Few of them merit a place in the textbooks, nor even a detailed exposition in the pages of astrological journals, yet, when presented in the form of brief jottings at random, they may sometimes act as catalysts in precipitating ideas of a more profound nature awaiting expression in the minds of other students or practitioners, and so this series of articles is being placed before the readers of the *Quarterly* in the hope that, quite apart from general (or even particular) interest, they will promote further research or open up fresh avenues of discussion in these pages.

The Specimen Horoscope

Some of these notes will require illustration by reference to a horoscope, and as in many cases they can only be substantiated by an intimate knowledge of the native's affairs, no apology is needed for using my own birth-chart. I was born on December 22, 1896, in latitude 51° N. $22\frac{1}{2}'$, longitude 2° W. $8'$, at (according to my mother) 6.20 p.m. This time has been slightly rectified to 6 h. 18 m. 39 s. p.m. G.M.T., for which the accompanying map has been cast. The method of house division employed is that of Campanus, amplified by the modern innovation of "mid-cusps" defining the borders of the houses.

The Housing Problem

A word of explanation is perhaps advisable in regard to this method of house division before looking for more succulent morsels in our astrological hotch-potch. As most students know, Campanus divides each of the four quadrants into three equal parts, like the segments of an orange, the apparent inequalities in the distribution of the zodiacal signs over the segments being partly due to the low elevation of the ecliptic in our northern latitudes, and partly to the fact that some of the signs rise and set so far to the north and south of the eastern and western points of the horizon.

Now, the rising degree or ascendant is of prime importance, and therefore planets on or near the cusp of the 1st house assume a special significance. Their 1st-house influence is not confined to the segment immediately *below* the horizon, however, for, as Alan Leo discovered during the course of his vast experience as a working astrologer, planets as far *above* the horizon as 15 degrees should be regarded as acting through the 1st house, although obviously they cannot be as powerful as when actually on the cusp. Raphael, too, allowed an "orb" to every cusp equivalent to one-third of the adjacent house space, measured in the zodiac.

It seems clear then, that house influence as such is concentrated around each cuspal point, diminishing in intensity on *each* side until the borderlines are reached, in which positions planets may be deemed to have no well-defined house effects at all save in so far as their rulerships are concerned.

Considerations such as these fully justify the use of the "mid-cusps" in the Campanian scheme, a course which yields excellent results in actual practice, as could be illustrated from an astro-psychological examination of the specimen horoscope in the light of both the Campanian and the Placidian settings.

Such a comparison must be deferred for the moment, however, in favour of other ingredients from our pot-pourri.

Geocentric or Geographic

Although some research workers pay high tribute to the efficacy (or at least to the helpfulness) of heliocentric astrology, the art in most common use is geocentric, being based on the relationships between the heavenly bodies as viewed from the earth as a centre. The latitude given in the data for the specimen horoscope is, however, *not* the geocentric value, but the geographic, as taken from an Ordnance Survey map, and represents the angle made with the plane of the equator by a perpendicular to the earth's surface at the place of birth. Were the earth a perfect sphere, that perpendicular would pass through the centre of the globe, and the geographic would also be the geocentric latitude. The earth is not truly spherical, however, due to its rotation, which causes a slight bulging at the equator, with a corresponding flattening at the poles, so that perpendicular lines passing through its surface do not meet at its centre, and the geocentric and geographic ordinates do not therefore coincide.

The difference is not great, of course, the maximum discrepancy amounting to approximately 12 minutes of arc, and occurring half-way between the equator and the poles. In the specimen horoscope $11\frac{1}{2}'$ should be subtracted from the geographical latitude to obtain the geocentric value, which from the same ascendant of $29^{\circ} 37\frac{1}{2}'$, alters the M.C. to $4^{\circ} 56'$, and the birth-time to 6 h. 19 m. 27 s. p.m. Such a correction is not serious, and only affects the bringing of planetary bodies to the meridian when progressing the horoscope, the difference in time being about $2\frac{1}{2}$ months. It is doubtful whether the effects of directions of this sort can be used to decide which of the two ordinates is the one to adopt, for we are also confronted with the indeterminacy of the time-measure for progressions. Of *that* point more anon, but the solution of the present riddle might be discovered by directing the slower planets at their own local motion over the M.C. or I.C., for in such cases the difference in time would be considerable.

For tests of this sort we should require a number of horoscopes known to be exactly correct to time, each having a planet not far from the meridian, and each native able to vouch for the nature and date of the event which coincided with the passage of that particular planet over the cusp. Verily, we cry for the moon! Even had we such *desiderata*, we should probably find

the planetary latitudes (celestial this time!) a bugbear, for there might be a considerable difference in the times of the meridional passage of the *body* of the planet and that of the degree of the ecliptic it holds.

But that introduces yet another problem best left for another occasion.

Palmarum qui meruit ferat

The Sun has always been regarded as the centre of vitality, and from its position in the horoscope the native's constitutional strength is judged. Placed in the 6th house and bereft of aspectual assistance (as in the specimen horoscope), the vitality is low, and only on rare occasions does it rise above par. In such cases indifferent health all through life seems to be the lot of the natives concerned, and it remains to be seen whether the Capricornian colouring of the solar rays in the specimen horoscope will bear out the old adage, "A creaking door hangs longest."

Even if the Sun occupies the 6th house, however, provided it is not unduly afflicted or weak by sign, a good aspect thrown to it from Mars is one of the best indications of a "super-charged" vitality, the energy and vigour associated with Mars blending harmoniously with the flow of the solar life-force, generally resulting (so far as health is concerned) in a strong and robust constitution, a condition more particularly apparent when the aspect is close or one of the bodies is in the 1st house. On this fact hangs one of the proofs of astrology, as will now be shown.

In another "occult art," that of palmistry, the state of one's physical well-being is judged from the condition of the "life-line" on the hand, that is, the line running from the base of the forefinger and encircling the thumb. If frayed, or made up of short fine strokes, a weak or delicate constitution is indicated, but when the line is very clearly marked and is accompanied by another line running parallel with it, on the thumb side, the subject is regarded as being endowed with exceptional vitality and a strong constitution.

Here, then, can we demonstrate the scientific value of astrology and palmistry, so confuting the sceptics in quite a matter-of-fact way, for it follows that everyone endowed with a vigorous constitution, indicated by a close benefic aspect between the Sun and Mars, must also be the possessor of an inner life-line on the hand. In this way two separate so-called "pseudo-sciences" (one of which was flatly termed "bunk" by the Brains Trust of the B.B.C.) not only are able to provide

clear indications of a robust constitution, but in doing so, prove each other's validity right up to the hilt.

It is also of interest to note that the inner life-line is often called the "line of Mars," for it commences between the thumb and the beginning of the life-line proper, on the cushion of flesh known as the "mount of Mars (positive)."

The Progressional Ares

The rate of progressing the horoscope and its various factors has for long been a bone of contention amongst the different schools of astrological thought. Some take the purely symbolic measure of 1° per annum, others take as the yearly progress the mean daily solar movement of $59' 8''$ in longitude, while others direct the horoscopic framework by increments of $59' 8''$ in right ascension, equivalent to the clock-time increase of 3 m. 56 s. per day-year.

Undoubtedly mean measures have much to be said for them, especially if viewed from the standpoint of a sphere rotating at a constant and unvarying rate, while from another viewpoint each planetary body may have a measure of time peculiar to itself, expressed in terms of our own day-to-the-year rotational rate. This gives two measures, one depending upon the part of the zodiac in which the planet is viewed at any particular time, varying from nothing (when stationary) or a minus quantity (when retrograde) to the maximum which occurs when the planet is in conjunction with the Sun. The second measure is the mean rate based on the time the planet takes to complete the full cycle of signs, including the periods lost in retrograding.

In the case of Mars the maximum rate is approximately $47\frac{1}{2}'$ per day-year when conjoining the Sun at the end of Aquarius, but only $38'$ when with the Sun at the opposite side of the zodiac. As, however, the planet is retrograde in these signs when in opposition with the Sun, it is impossible to correlate the rates of motion mentioned with any particular section of the zodiac, without complicating the issue by introducing a factor based on the solar distance, but where mean motion is concerned no such difficulties arise, and its average rate of progression can be applied to the planet no matter what its position in the horoscope may be.

For Mars this measure is 0.523° of longitude per day-year, or $31' 24''$, only slightly more than half the mean solar rate, but sufficient in a life-time of eighty-six years to cover (by forward and converse motion) a set of good and bad aspects to every sensitive point in the horoscope, the effects of each

lasting nearly four years if an orb of 1° is allowed. Such an orb, however, is probably too great for aspects of slow formation, and a "time-orb" of one year may be the maximum permissible.

Progressions of this sort can easily be put to the proof, and moving Mars backwards from its radical position of $15^{\circ} 11' 37''$ in the specimen horoscope, it is found to have reached the exact sextile of the M.C. only two months before I completed my apprenticeship as an engineer, when I was not only accorded full status but (three months later) was commissioned to design an extensive undertaking away from home in the north of England.

By forward motion Mars reached sesquiquadrate Venus at 21 years 8 months, the high spot of a period aptly described by the textbook renderings of the effects of such an aspect.

The (converse) sextile with the Moon coincided with a very active year, both professionally and at home, but although a similar aspect with the ascendant occurred at the same time as the forward opposition with the Sun, its effects seemed to be spread out over a wide period in the form of much cycling for pleasure, so bringing in the Geminian influence of the radical Mars. The opposition between Mars and the Sun was nearly exact when by secondary direction the Sun itself had progressed to opposition Moon, at which time a heavy attack of influenza culminated in severe nasal haemorrhage.

Mars square M.C. by forward motion was reached in $36\frac{1}{2}$ years, 10 months after the converse opposition to Uranus, and 6 months before the converse opposition to Saturn. The period covered by these directions was a very trying one, and afforded abundant evidence of the 6th-house effects of the two heavy planets. 1933 opened with a nasty accident to my left thumb (which was cut badly the previous August), followed by a sharp attack of influenza. In March and April of that year my daughter (ruled by Mars) was seriously ill with throat trouble (Mars progressed in Taurus), after which I had a long and violent dispute with my principals, my mother-in-law broke her arm, and a period of over-work ended in a very severe nasal haemorrhage (November 1933) necessitating confinement to bed and resulting in a low state of health which lasted well into 1934. The 12th-house effect of Mars was also felt in 1934 in the serious indisposition of my wife, commencing in January and continuing for more than six months.

Other like events during this period could be quoted, but the possibility of their coinciding with other kinds of directions is not disputed, for, in fact, the haemorrhage mentioned occurred under the secondary direction of Moon progressed opposition

Mars radical. That, however, would have been insufficiently powerful by itself to have indicated such a bad time, and it may be significant to note that the New Moon of November 17, 1933, fell close to the planets opposed by the (mean) progressed Mars, and the haemorrhage occurred that very afternoon.

All these events are personal affairs, culled from a well-stocked diary, and should not be regarded as proving the indications of the mean Mars without confirmation from other nativities. Turning to more ambitious spheres, however, it is perhaps not surprising to find that Hitler's Mars, by converse mean motion, opposed his radical Uranus when he was defeated in the Battle of Britain, and, at the outbreak of war in 1939 the 10th-house Jupiter in the chart of H.M. King George VI was squared by the converse mean Mars.

The Log-Book

Everyone able to cast a horoscope has at some time or other made use of the tables of proportional logarithms at the end of the ephemeris, guided by the example given at the foot. These tables reduce a problem in proportional arithmetic to a matter of simple addition, and if most astrological students would only realise that logarithms are always as easy as this, much progress would be made in research into progressions, mundane positions, and the like, necessitating the use of figures. Admittedly, some knowledge of the relationship between the zodiacal and mundane spheres is necessary, but this again is in no way difficult and can be readily mastered, provided the would-be student does not take fright at the outset, so creating a "complex" preventing easy assimilation of the subject. One should never be afraid of figures, for tackled persuasively but firmly, they can be pressed into service as one wills.

Logarithms were invented to reduce the labour involved in the multiplication and division of lengthy rows of figures, by substituting simple addition and subtraction instead, the general principle being as described below.

A number multiplied several times by itself is said to be raised to a certain power. For example, $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$ may be more concisely written as 3^4 , termed "3 to the 4th power," the value of which is 81. 3×3 is equivalent to 3^2 (or 9), and in multiplying 3^4 by 3^2 , we have $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$ multiplied by 3×3 , or 3^6 (i.e. 729), more simply obtained by adding together the small figures (known as indices), e.g. $3^{4+2} = 3^6$.

Taking 3 as our base, a table of logarithms can be constructed for the values of its different powers, by listing the

indices as illustrated below, these indices being "logarithms to base 3."

<i>Number.</i>	<i>Log.</i>	
3	I	
9	2	
27	3	To multiply 27 by 6561 by the aid of this table
81	4	it is only necessary to add logs. 3 and 8 together,
243	5	making 11, and alongside 11 the answer is
729	6	found, namely, 177147. To divide 6561 into
2187	7	531441, log. 8 is merely subtracted from
6561	8	log. 12, and alongside the result (log. 4) the
19683	9	answer is seen to be 81. It is as easy as that!
59049	10	
177147	11	
531441	12	

Logarithms in general use are made up in exactly the same way, but to base 10, decimal indices being employed so as to include the complete range of consecutive numbers, thus enabling any quantities to be multiplied together or divided into one another as required. In the mathematics of the sphere such an aid is invaluable, and I hope to show in later articles how this simple device renders trigonometrical calculations "as easy as falling off a log."

FAREWELL TO PISCES

By "JOVINA"

"The evil that men do lives after them;
The good is oft interred with their bones. . . ."

FOR the last twenty or thirty years the hopes of the astrological world, or at least of the more "esoteric" members thereof, have been centred on the coming Aquarian Age. No one, so far as I know, has ever suggested that tears should be shed over the past Piscean dispensation, or even that it should be bid a civil good-bye! It was, apparently, a failure; an age of muddle, superstition and squalor: Pisces, of course, corresponds to the 12th house, the Dustbin of the Zodiac, so what would one expect? We are now climbing out of that dustbin into the sign that corresponds to the 11th house, and all will be well. Aquarius is the sign of Universal Brotherhood, and we shall all compose our difficulties and differences.

But surely this is a little one-sided (Pisces is the exaltation-sign of Venus and likes fair play) and a little unkind (Pisces is notoriously sensitive).

After all, one cannot get away from the tradition that Pisces is ruled by Jupiter, the Great Benefic, and Aquarius by Saturn, the Great Malefic! Even if you wish to be very up to date and say that Uranus is the true ruler of Aquarius, you will be countered by the assertion, at least as well founded, that Neptune probably has a good deal to do with fishes!

It depends, I suppose, on what one likes.

In the Piscean Age, after all, our land was called Merry England, and this title, it is generally agreed, ceased to be applicable somewhere in the last century, which is the period when the Aquarian Age is thought by most either to have begun, or at least to have cast its shadow before. The question is complicated by sub-periods; but such events as the American War of Independence, the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and the Romantic Movement are all apparently connected with the beginnings of the new age, as well as the vast sweep forward of science that has gone on almost continuously up to the theories connected with the names of Planck, Einstein, and others.

To the Aquarian it is doubtless a thrilling experience to live in such a time as our own, when the old Newtonian universe has been so completely upset and such a wealth of fresh ideas revealed to us.

But surely the main thing about a change is whether it is for the better or the worse.

So far as science goes, such a query would be hard to answer, because the implications of Einstein, for example, have scarcely been digested, even by first-rate scientific brains; and in any case the business of science is to discover truth, whether pleasant or unpleasant, and leave philosophy to make the best of it.

But these things are mainly theoretical, at least at present. How much has the Aquarian Age of Science so far helped the ordinary man?

A good deal, one would say, especially if we had had the good sense to make the best of it. Public health, for instance, has surely improved, and one cannot avoid the conclusion (if one wishes to) that the general standard of human life has improved a great deal, not only materially but also in terms of dignity and self-respect.

Against this one must place the two terrible wars that have befallen us in the last quarter-century—both of them the most tragic denial of universal brotherhood that can be imagined.

One feels here that Aquarius is not to blame: I would be inclined to throw the responsibility (so far as we can or care to make the stars responsible) upon Pluto. But these wars have gone far to destroy the advantages which science had won for us. They are entirely different from the wars of the preceding period, when the civilian population was usually spared actual danger and good commanders of well-disciplined troops restrained their men from molesting non-combatants.

Of course no one can blame science or the spirit of Aquarius for the terrible use to which knowledge has been put by evil men. Still, we have to take mankind as it is, and not as it ought to be, and that is why some of us may be allowed to regret the passing of an age which possessed less power, had fewer problems to encounter, and tried to solve them without scientific knowledge but not always unsuccessfully. I cannot help thinking that, even though we moderns do call Aquarius the Sign of the Man, whereas Pisces undoubtedly is the Sign of the Fishes and therefore of an animal character, Pisces was really the more human, or at least humane, influence of the two. The loaf and mug of ale that are still handed out to the wayfarers at St. Cross, in Winchester, may be a very poor thing compared with the unemployment exchange, but it is definitely more human and immeasurably more colourful and romantic.

And some of us still like romance and colour.

The good old Jovian liberty, too, tends to be forgotten. Everything must be efficient, and the government of experts is coming near. Let us hope they will justify their title: here at least is one Piscean who suspects that they will quite possibly make a much worse muddle of things than ever *his* relatives did.

Still, we are back numbers; our age has passed away for another twenty-six thousand years or so. The old manor roll must give way to the card-index file and in the Arctic seas the poor whale, symbol of a dying age and itself near extinction, is hunted with a highly scientific harpoon fired from a gun. His oil is so necessary—to lubricate tanks, I suspect.

No one drops a tear over Pisces, who is often reminded of the sham beatitude, "Blessed is he that expecteth nothing." If there are tears to be shed, it is usually he that does the shedding.

But let him claim at least one drop from the all-conquering Aquarius, whose sympathetic nature has so often been acclaimed!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MAP OF THE GERMAN REPUBLIC

From "URANIDES."

It seems to me that the time has come when the maps that have been suggested for Germany, as set forth in your article (*Astrology*, September 1940), might be re-examined in the light of subsequent events.

Two of them—those for the Third Reich—seem to me quite inadequate. I do not see why, if they are valid, Germany should be at war at all.

The figure for December 10, 1870, is even worse. It gives Sun trine Mars for 1918, and ought never to be considered.

That for midnight, January 1, 1871, gave Mars square Saturn for last August, when it might be said that the Germans were to some extent checked in Russia, and in that sense defeated. But this hardly seems to me to be good enough.

The map for January 18, 1871, would seem, in theory, to be for the Hohenzollern dynasty rather than for Germany. It yields Sun opposition Mars radical for the beginning of 1938, and the Sun is now going to square Saturn (early 1942). The former direction seems somewhat early, though it was quickly followed by the invasion of Austria.

The map for April 16, 1871, is weak in theory, since its claim to validity rests on the coming into operation of the new constitution, which does not seem sufficiently vital. Also, I do not know for what hour it should be drawn. But, whether for noon or midnight, it does show the angles involved with Mars.

Next, the Republican horoscope. Here we have very appropriate directions for the war—angles involved with Mars, and Mercury conjunction that planet (S). Mars is also conjunction Luna by o-d.

Hitler's astounding victories are well shown by Uranus trine Sun and Jupiter, o-d.

This spring saw Mars opposition Jupiter (S) which seems inappropriate to the Balkan victories, unless we take the view that these were only Pyrrhic in character and that actually this campaign disrupted the Nazi plans to a serious extent, as well as costing many lives and much material. Note that both bodies are in exaltation, so that the result would be mitigated.

We come next to Sun trine Neptune, from a radical square, for July-August. and surely this is very appropriate to the Russian campaign and so-called crusade against Bolshevism. Even more apposite is Moon in Scorpio in the 9th square Uranus in Aquarius, close to the outbreak of this war.

If this map is valid, then we should see a definite check for the enemy in mid-November, when the Moon comes to square Saturn (S); but Mars comes to sextile radical Sun in the spring. In the summer we have Jupiter, lord 10th, conjunction Neptune (o-d), a

direction very likely to weaken the power of the German Government.

Soon after Saturn, by transit, becomes very afflictive and there is a directional eclipse on the M.C.

The solar eclipse of September 1941 is in square to the radical Mars, and Neptune, by transit, constantly molests this planet.

Perhaps this map shows internal upheaval and change, rather than military defeat, and this should begin about midsummer 1942.

LUNAR MANSIONS

From ALEXANDER RUPERTI.

Since the subject of the Lunar Mansions has recently come into prominence, it may be of interest to students to have some further data to work on with regard to them.

It is apparent, on historical evidence, that some kind of lunar zodiac was in use in ancient times long before the solar zodiac was thought of. The lunar zodiac as used to-day in Chinese, Hindu, and Arabian astrology, is no longer the pure lunar zodiac, but is correlated with the solar zodiac and is largely dominated by solar concepts.

Historical records are confused, not only with reference to the beginning of the lunar zodiac, but even as to the number of lunar mansions. To-day it seems that it is supposed to begin like the solar zodiac, with Aries 0° —a point of departure which is essentially solar in nature. As for the number of mansions, 27 and 28 are variously advocated as correct.

The difficulty in selecting the most appropriate division lies in the fact that the exact sidereal period of the Moon, on which the lunar zodiac is based, falls between 27 and 28 days. But whatever modern writers may say, there is undoubted evidence that *both* divisions were used in ancient times. Twenty-seven lunar mansions seem to be used by the Hindu astrologers, but in their type of horary astrology they use a twenty-eighth one falling in Capricorn. This is given in Sepharial's *Manual of Astrology* and was again mentioned in a series of articles on Hindu astrology in *American Astrology* by Mankari Ponde.

On the other hand, Arabian astrologers, and perhaps also the ancient Chinese astrologers, made a constant and significant use of a lunar zodiac of twenty-eight mansions. According to Sepharial and Marc Jones this division into twenty-eight mansions produces twenty-eight critical degrees.

These twenty-eight points of the zodiac are as follows:

0° , 12° 51, 25° 42, of Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn.

8° 33, 21° 24, of Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius.

4° 15, 17° 6, of Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces.

The operation from which they are produced is the subdivision of each quarter of the circle into 7 equal sections. This is the lunar parallel to the subdivision of each quarter into three equal sections in the solar zodiac. Both are based on the periodical cyclic motion

of celestial bodies in the solar system; each is therefore as valid in astrological symbolism as the other.

When using these critical degrees in actual practice, Marc Jones says that an orb of $1^{\circ} 30'$ only may be used, and only conjunctions of natal or progressed positions of planets and points with these degrees are valid and significant. It has been also variously stated that when the progressed Moon reaches these degrees, and therefore prepares to enter a new lunar mansion, it is an indication of some vital change or even crisis in the life.

As for the planetary conjunctions, natively or by progression within an orb of $1^{\circ} 30'$, Marc Jones says that the events or conditions of life ruled or identified by such planets will be found to be of an absolute nature. In other words, such occurrences or situations will be indicative of the soul's reaching out on its own account for its own selective conditioning or its own reshaping of its own life and destiny upon a higher plane or level. Thus it may be reasoned that the real significance of the events or conditions identified by the planets in conjunction is inner, spiritual, occult, and to some extent karmic.

In conclusion one point should be brought out in relation to the lunar zodiac of twenty-seven mansions which is perhaps most important. I quote from an article by Dane Rudhyar in *American Astrology*.

"The number 27 is the cube of 3, i.e. $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$. Our twelve-fold system of division of the zodiacal circle is essentially the result of the inscription of a cross within the circle. This 'quartering' operation symbolises a certain phase of the universal life-process and a corresponding stage of human evolution—which is spoken of in theosophical literature as the fourth stage or 'Round.' This is the present condition of mankind and of the planet as a whole.

"But just as a future stage is slowly and painfully appearing on the horizon of human evolution—a fifth stage—so there was in the distant past a third stage, which is sometimes symbolically mentioned as the 'Moon Period.' Ancient Hindu occultism has ever claimed direct descent from the 'Seed-Intelligences' of this Third Period. Such beings are variously referred to as gods, Manus, Rishis, etc. They are supposed to be the spiritual progenitors of humanity.

"However that may be, the fact remains that a division of the lunar zodiac into 27 asterisms can be understood as a secondary, or rather tertiary, subdivision of *three original* sections. In other words this Hindu lunar zodiac is rooted in a threefold division of the circle, *the same type of division which produces the division of our solar zodiac into fire, earth, air, and water signs*. Thus from Aries 0° to Leo 0° we find nine lunar asterisms; nine more than Leo 0° to Sagittarius 0° ; and the last nine from Sagittarius 0° to Aries 0° .

"The lunar asterisms scheme represents a threefold analysis of the 'circle of wholeness'—i.e. the zodiac—carried to the third power or level ($3 \times 3 \times 3$). And it is *as such* that it acquires so much significance *in all matters relating to the archetypal stage of life-development*: the Third Period above mentioned. Hindu philosophy is essen-

tially geared to that stage. It deals with Archetypes and Ideas—like Platonic philosophy, its outgrowth. The Christian Western World on the other hand has as its mission to bring the abstract Idea to the concrete stage. Thus *the Buddha becomes the Christ*: the Thinker becomes the sacrificial Doer—3 becomes 4, the triangle becomes the square."

This seems to me to be a lucid explanation of the difference between the Hindu and Western systems of astrology. The struggle between the Solar and the Lunar Dynasties in ancient India forms the background of that country's most glorious epics. Elsewhere Patriarchy (Sun) and Matriarchy (Moon) fought bitterly for supremacy. It is the universal struggle between childhood and adolescence: the puberty of mankind. And all races have known it. Now the Sun has triumphed everywhere; but it is interesting to note that in the German language "Moon" is still a masculine noun, and "Sun" a feminine—a vestigial remnant of ancient ways of thinking.

BIRTH-TIME OF THE PRIME MINISTER

From A. G. S. NORRIS.

Your kindly and prompt reply to my inquiry as to the most favoured ascendant for the Prime Minister is appreciated. I certainly share your view regarding the Virgo and Libra suggestions, the latter for reasons which appear below. For *exactitude*, rectification does not impress me, as the result of personal experience. This is the outcome not only of my own work but of those of others on my chart. Three different astrologers using different methods all produced degrees rising which spread across a third of the sign. Close watch and *record of transits* for a number of years gave me finally a degree and minute which have since proved dead true. A recent clear-cut direction, supported by transits, leaves no shadow of doubt.

My own early favour, like yours, was for Leo and my letter to you was the outcome of a conviction expressed to me that it must be Taurus—probably due to the forward bend of the head. But with Venus as ruler the point which occupied me would have been negated.

On hearing from you that the general view is Scorpio, I returned to my earlier investigation. The photograph in last week's *Sunday Times* (cutting enclosed) taken at age 25, certainly points to either Water or Earth.

A book with the title *Zodiacal Symbology*, by I. Kozminsky, D.Sc. (Rider, 1917) came into my hands a good many years ago but has received only scant attention from me until the last twelve months. Among other things various symbols given for vital points in the British war chart of 1939 are arresting. Those against its ascendant (30th degree of Libra), the ruler and Sun, the M.C. and the ruler of the enemy (25th degree of Capricorn), interpreted in the light of war, are striking to say the least; so it may prove to be with the progressions.

Assuming for the purpose of this examination that the ascendant is Scorpio $8^{\circ} 45'$, this gives as M.C. and S.T. about Leo $22^{\circ} 53'$ and 9 h. 40 m. 54 s. respectively.

The above mentioned book gives for the 9th degree of Scorpio, "*An ancient Hellenistic warship lying on the seashore,*" with an extension, of which the following is an extract:

"Denotes one to whom the ancient lore, poetry and life strongly appeal, and whose soul goes back to those old days often in thought, often in sleep. But his nature is more positive than negative, and he can exhibit an aggressive and warlike front."

Taking the M.C. of Leo, $22^{\circ} 53'$ (Mercury of the war chart is in the M.C. in Leo $23^{\circ} 40'$), we find this against the 23rd degree of this sign:

"A Trumpet made from a ram's horn bathed in the sun's rays."

This is its extension:—

"Denotes a rouser of men, one destined for action, who will bring light and benefit to mankind. His way will not be without its roughness, and many times he will be weary. Then the sound of the horn will arouse him to an understanding of his work and he will see the light. It is a symbol of Incitement."

The refinement of the features in the photograph indicates the Libran rulership (we both know at least one Scorpio astrologer with Mars in this sign and Scorpio thus smoothed) and the Taurean carriage of the head—which cannot be ignored—could be accounted for in this manner.

In such a chart Pluto would be in the 7th in Taurus $21^{\circ} 25'$; therefore well out of orb of opposition this ascendant. But its declination is $3^{\circ} 50'$ and that of Mars (ruler) about $5^{\circ} 22'$; a little beyond the normal one degree orb but perhaps permissible.

Yet without the following, arguments for other signs might give an equally strong case.

It will be possible to check from the published details of my researches that the names

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produce digits, respectively, of 6, 6, 8, and 4. These add to 24, giving the digit 6 of Venus.

You will recall that this provides the astrological *Soul* synthesis (of one taking birth through this postulated Scorpio ascendant (body)).

Using the measure of 4 m. of time per year (which I understand was that used by Leo and his assistants) the S.T. for 1940 would be 14 h. 4 m. 54 s., which gives the progressed ascendant as Sagittarius $28^{\circ} 16'$.

The year 1940 was that of his becoming Prime Minister, and we

find that Venus progressed for that year (the planetary polarisation of his Soul) had advanced to Sagittarius $28^{\circ} 30'$ (about March 1940). In other words it, the Soul, was able to function to the fullest of its capacity. The progressed ascendant had released it from some earlier inhibitions.

And when we come to examine the astrological indications of Venus at birth we find it practically free of inharmonious aspects and in a sign of aspirations, law and order, wisdom and the sage. Jupiter progressed (its ruler) is very close to the M.C. progressed.

The aspects to Venus at birth are trine Uranus, Neptune, and the North Node and sextile Mars and Jupiter. It is semi-square Saturn and inconjunct Pluto. In 1940 it came to the exact trine with Neptune radical (Aries $28^{\circ} 26'$), having been retrograde at birth. On the day that Mr. Churchill became Prime Minister (10/5/1940) Jupiter at noon was in Aries $28^{\circ} 40'$, and Venus was near the trine of Jupiter progressed.

Scorpio 8° is also one of the Wemyss degrees for orators. The square of Saturn in *Aquarius* to this ascendant would account for the breadth of forehead so clear in the photograph.

A rule more than proved in practice is that a well-aspected planet may not express all that it implies until the progressed ascendant allows it an harmonious channel of escape.

This point alone—seeing that Venus is the polarisation of the Soul—is sufficient to claim for this probable ascending degree the attention of those who have the time to make extended tests by transits—and the degree on the eastern horizon at the moment of the commencement of important matters in his life (especially speeches) should not be overlooked. The additional data seems to indicate that it may be well worth while.

[According to a paper by Elizabeth Aldrich, of New York, Mr. Churchill's ascendant is Virgo 12, the authority being Marion Meyer Drew, another American astrologer. These data are described as "exact and unimpeachable." Miss Aldrich also gives Hess's ascendant as *Aquarius* 22, on the authority of a German astrologer, who claims to have studied the subject with Hess. These particulars are given for what they may be worth.—EDITOR.]

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